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1. Congress Party reports on the disturbances in East Bengal were found to be exaggerated. Persons interviewed in the area stated non-indigenous Muslim goondas (gangsters) started the trouble, and their attacks were largely aimed at the mahajans (money lenders); local villagers were not attacked. The gangsters departed, and local Muslim inhabitants continued looting. A great deal of looting and arson was reported, but the number of dead probably does not exceed 1,000.
2. The large numbers of evacuees from East Bengal into the Calcutta area stemmed from areas surrounding the areas of actual conflict.
3. [REDACTED] expressed the opinion there was no Communist responsibility for these disturbances.

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